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1. THIRD SESSION OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 21 TO JUNE 11, 1976, IN GENEVA. USG IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN WORK OF THIS CONFERENCE, WHICH DEALS PRIMARILY WITH UPDATING AND SUPPLEMENTING 1949 GENEVA CONVENTIONS ON THE PROTECTION OF WAR VICTIMS. KENYA, WHILE LISTED AS ATTENDING CONFERENCE, HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT.

2. BETTAUER, WHO WILL BE IN NAIROBI FOR UNEP WORKING GROUP ON SHARED NATURAL RESOURCES (SEE REFTTEL), IS MEMBER OF USDEL TO GENEVA DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AND IS DEPT ACTION OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING USG POSITIONS AT THIS CONFERENCE.

3. IF EMBASSY THINKS IT WOULD BE USEFUL, AND DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY OF TIME FREE FROM UNEP MEETING, BETTAUER WOULD BE GLAD TO REVIEW PROGRESS OF AND ISSUES RELATED TO GENEVA

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WITH KENYAN GOVT OFFICIALS, IN THE EVENT KENYANS ARE
INTERESTED IN SUCH CONSULTATIONS. KISSINGER

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